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Memo No. 3975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

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ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Burmese Maps

1. At the present time, in a program which we are trying to bring to completion, we have a requirement for the 1:50,000 topographic map series of Burma. Approximately 30 of these sheets are held in the Map Library. It is expected that there will be 1,000 sheets in the series when it is completed.

2. Most recent reports indicate that as of August 15, 1961, 187 sheets had been completed. Sheets are currently being turned out at the rate of 12 to 14 per month. While the sheets are classified, they are available for official use within the country, and, apparently, requesters with legitimate reasons to obtain the sheets may receive them.

3. All attempts at procurement, through exchange, gift, or purchase channels, have been unsuccessful, except for the one action that yielded the aforementioned 30 sheets. It is believed that this is the case because not enough effort has been concentrated on this problem.

4. We are continuing our efforts here and will keep you advised of any further action.

5. The suggested action which we would like you to take at the present time is as follows:

- a. Discuss the above with [REDACTED] and see if they have any sheets which we do not have. If they have some which are not restricted to [REDACTED] only, -- please get us photo negatives of those sheets which we do not have, as indicated on our index. If they seem to have some but they appear to be restricted [REDACTED] only, please launch a frank discussion with them about the possibility of reducing the classification. Is it still valid?

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- b. See if they will undertake, through their commercial, intelligence or Embassy channels, efforts to obtain additional sheets which are not currently held by either of us. Many times in the past they have been successful when we have not.
- c. We can develop this particular problem with them as we have the other one which we discussed during my visit to D-3 with you.
- d. The attached index is unclassified, and the maps shown thereon are also unclassified.

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